

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
Richard G. Bergman : Group Art Unit: 2616  
Appln. No.: 10/823,554 : Examiner: Afsar M. Qureshi  
Filed: April 14, 2004 : Confirmation No.: 4417  
For: METHOD FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO :  
PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND :  
OTHER TELEPHONIC PERIPHERALS :  
USING A CALLER ID ACCESS CODE :

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated June 13, 2007, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the unique features of the claimed invention. Instead, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art of record fails to disclose a communications system for controlling the flow of a telephone call comprising: an Access Code Server for receiving call routing data, said Access Code Server located on a public packet-switching network such as the Internet; a Database Server selectively coupled to the Access Code Server for receiving and for storing said call routing data; and a Call

Router Server for routing incoming telephone calls to telephonic peripherals based upon said call routing data received from said Database Server, as claimed.

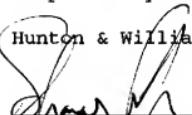
Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art of record also fails to disclose a method of routing telephone calls based on an access code comprising: receiving a signal sent by a subscriber containing data for routing an incoming telephone call based on access codes input by a caller over a public-packet switching network such as the Internet; storing the call routing data on how an incoming call should be routed based on access codes; receiving an incoming telephone call and an access code signal representing an access code input by a caller; and routing the incoming telephone call based upon the access code signal and the call routing data, as claimed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

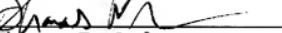
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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